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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE FORMER DIPLOMATS IN JORDAN

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2968, 2976, 2979, 3212, A-53 AND A-56.

1. AMBASSADOR MORNING MAY 18 RECEIVED CALL FROM
PRIME MINISTER RIFAI. RIFAI APOLOGIZED FOR RAISING
SUBJECT ON PHONE BUT AFTER STUDY ON RETURN FROM HIS
VISIT TO US AND FOLLOWING COMPLETION SADAT VISIT
HERE YESTERDAY, HE HAD REACHED CONCLUSION THAT HE WOULD
ASK US FOR HELP IN RAPIDLY REMOVING FORMER CAMBODIAN
AND VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS STILL IN JORDAN. HE SAID
THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO PUT THEM "OUT OF THE DOOR",
BUT HE REALLY HAD NO CHOICE NOW AND CIRCUMSTANCES
REQUIRE THAT THEY LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE ASKED
WHETHER US WOULD TAKE THEM EITHER IN GUAM OR
DIRECTLY.

2. I SAID THAT I COULD GIVE HIM NO ASSURANCES ON
THE SUBJECT, BUT WOULD REPORT HIS REQUEST IMMEDIATELY
TO WASHINGTON. HE REAFFIRMED THAT JORDANIAN DECISION
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WAS TO EXPELL THEM, BUT THAT JORDAN WOULD LIKE

TO DO IT IN AS HUMANE AND COOPERATIVE FASHION AS
POSSIBLE CONSIDERING THE NEEDS OF THE FORMER
DIPLOMATS AS INDIVIDUALS.

3. WE BELIEVE THIS DECISION IS IRREVOCABLE AND
PROBABLY BASED NOT ONLY ON JORDANIAN FUTURE
INTEREST IN POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES
CONCERNED (GOJ HAS ALREADY SENT CABLE OF RECOGNITION
TO KHMER ROUGE AUTHORITIES AND PERMITTED ALGERIANS
TO TAKE OVER INTERESTS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE), BUT
ALSO BECAUSE FORMER DIPLOMATS HAVE NO POSSIBLE
FUTURE IN JORDAN.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF FORMER DIPLOMATS'
PENDING REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AT UNHCR AND BLEAK
PRELIMINARY RESPONSE THERETO, REQUEST DEPARTMENT
ADVICE SOONEST AS TO POSSIBLE US RECEPTION OF THESE
REFUGEES GIVEN NATURE AND URGENCY OF PRIME MINISTER'S
REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR.
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